

Jesus the Provocateur

Sermon Devotional

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1. In what ways are you intentional in what you do? How does being intentional help you accomplish your goals?
2. As the day of Jesus' suffering and death drew near, do you believe that Jesus was intentionally heading to his own death?

Digging Deeper

3. Read Matthew 23 or access Pastor David's message at broadviewchurch.com.
4. What emotions do you believe Jesus was feeling towards the Pharisees as He spoke these words?
5. "Pride blinds us to our sin. Pride leads us to justify ourselves before God (Luke 16:15). We think of ourselves more highly than we ought to (Rom. 12:3). Meanwhile, we bind ourselves and those around us to traditions, ceremonies, and rules that have not been expressly laid down in the Scriptures" (Family Worship Bible Guide). Do you believe that devotion to traditions and rules not found in the Bible can harm us and others spiritually? Why or why not?
6. Some historians say that Jesus was crucified because he mistakenly agitated the wrong people. Based on what you know about Jesus, do you believe Jesus made a mistake?
7. If Jesus did not make a mistake, then why would He intentionally die on a cross? What did Jesus know would happen a few days later?

Bringing It Home

8. The resurrection of Jesus is the reason we will be raised from the dead one day. What do you look forward to the most on that day?
9. God inhabits our praise. Take a moment to tell God what makes Him wonderful.

10. Romans 4:25 says that Jesus “was delivered over because of our transgressions, and was raised because of our justification.” Memorize this verse in your favorite translation of Scripture.
